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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 1019, line 22; 1027; 1030; 1032; 1037; 3028 (5); and 3040, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2765 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the capital budget."

Section 1019, page 27, line 22, Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Burley Mountain Lodge

This item is one of two appropriations for the same project. Because the Burley Mountain Lodge and the Cispus Environmental Learning Center are the same, I am vetoing the one referred to as Burley Mountain Lodge.

Section 1027, pages 36-37, Department of General Administration, Statewide Infrastructure: Preservation Minor Works

Infrastructure preservation is important for maintaining state facilities in good working order. This section reduces funding for these activities by \$100,000. This veto restores funding levels to the original amount in the underlying budget so that drainage, lighting, and benches can be repaired at Heritage Park.

Section 1030, page 38, Department of General Administration, Minor Works – Infrastructure Preservation

This item reduces funding for infrastructure preservation by \$204,000. I am vetoing this section to restore funding so that Capitol Campus water and sewer projects and Cascades Gateway Center Campus sewer, water, and storm water projects can proceed.

Section 1032, page 39, Department of General Administration, Minor Works – Program

This item reduces funding for infrastructure preservation by \$110,000. I am vetoing this section so that Centennial Park sidewalks and the Interpretive Center restroom roof and interior tiles can be replaced.

Section 1037, page 42, Department of Personnel, Thurston County Childcare Needs Assessment – Predesign

This item directs the Department of Personnel and Department of General Administration to do a predesign to determine childcare needs of state employees in Thurston County; existing licensed childcare capacity; preferred and alternate locations based on that need and capacity; optimum size of childcare space; and project costs for these locations. This work is to be completed by September 15, 2008. I am vetoing this section because this comprehensive analysis cannot be completed within this time frame with the resources provided.

Section 3028(5), page 68, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, High Speed Watercraft Report

This proviso directs the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to research hazards to the public from personal high-speed watercraft, such as jet skis, and to prepare a report with recommendations for increasing public enjoyment and safety when personal high-speed watercraft and other forms of motorized and non-motorized water recreation take place together. However, because funding for this research was not provided, I am vetoing this requirement.

Section 3040, pages 75-76, Department of Natural Resources, Recreation Capital Renovations

This proviso would – with a number of exceptions – prohibit the Department of Natural Resources from constructing or expanding facilities or trails for off-road recreation vehicles on state land until after June 30, 2009. I am vetoing this proviso because the Department of Natural Resources' planning process includes public input and considers all users and uses for recreation on state-managed lands. In keeping with Substitute House Bill 2472 that I signed, the Department of Natural Resources will also convene a workgroup to improve recreation on state-managed lands and promote safe, sustainable recreation. I will appoint a representative from my office to participate in this collaborative effort and am confident the group will examine funding mechanisms, liability, and site-specific planning issues.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 1019, line 22; 1027; 1030; 1032; 1037; 3028 (5); and 3040 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2765.

With the exception of Sections 1019, line 22; 1027; 1030; 1032; 1037; 3028 (5); and 3040, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2765 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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Governor